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




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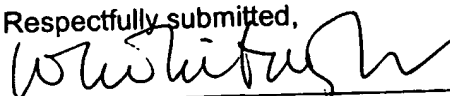
As a means of complying with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR §1.56, Applicants list the following references (copies of the listed patents enclosed).

U.S. Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Class/ Subclass.	Document No.	Date	Name
	128/4	4,706,653	11/1987	Yamamoto
	128/6	5,379,756	01/1995	Pileski et al.
	600/110	6,095,970	08/2000	Hidaka et al.
	600/109	6,142,930	11/2000	Ito et al.
	348/75	6,184,923	02/2001	Miyazaki
Foreign Patent Documents				
Exam. Initials	Document No.	Date	Country	
	29 613 103	1997	Germany (with English abstract)	

The listed patents pertain in a general way to the subject matter of the application, but are not necessarily considered to be analogous prior art.

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